

Please amend the specification as follows:

**On page 1, after the first full paragraph, please insert the following heading:**

**Field of the Invention.**

**On page 1, the second full paragraph has been amended as follows:**

The invention relates to the use of the protein SLIM3 for binding to receptors, in addition a process for screening ligands, which bind to SLIM3,~~i.a.~~

**On page 1, after the second full paragraph the following heading has been amended as follows:**

~~Prior Art~~ **Background of the Invention.**